(a) whether a sports complex at Howrah was approved in 1997-98 by the then Minister of Railways; and

(b) if so, the present status of the sports complex?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work which comprises development of sports complex at Howrah and Gholsapur has been taken up in phases. The work at Gholsapur has been completed in April, 2006 and the work at Howrah is planned for completion by June, 2010.

Railway network in Rajasthan

2612. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the data regarding railway network in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the place of Rajasthan in comparison to other States with regard to railway network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The State-wise length of rail network (route kilometres) in the country as on 31.3.2009 is given below:-

Sl.No.	Name of State	Route Kilometres
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5185
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
3.	Assam	2284
4.	Bihar	3515
5.	Chhattisgarh	1186
6.	Delhi	182
7.	Goa	69
8.	Gujarat	5328
9.	Haryana	1553
10	Himachal Pradesh	285
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	239
12.	Jharkhand	1968
13.	Karnataka	3007
14.	Kerala	1050

1	2	3
15.	Madhya Pradesh	4949
16.	Maharashtra	5602
17.	Manipur	1
18.	Mizoram	2
19.	Nagaland	13
20.	Orissa	2385
21.	Punjab	2133
22.	Rajasthan	5855
23.	Tamil Nadu	4107
24.	Tripura	151
25.	Uttar Pradesh	8703
26.	Uttaranchal	345
27.	West Bengal	3890
Union Territories		
1.	Chandigarh	16
2.	Pondicherry	11
	TOTAL :	64015

Note: The remaining States/Union Territories have no rail line.

(b) Among all States, Rajasthan has the second largest route length of 5855 kilometres.

Setting up of steel plant in Ujjain

†2613. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the process of setting up of steel plant in Ujjain district;

(b) by when this plant will start production;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government to remove the hurdles, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP): (a) to (d) The Steel Processing Unit (SPU) in Ujjain district of Madhya Pradesh has been approved 'in-principle' by the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). Land for the project has been acquired and soil survey and testing has been completed. Presently, the tendering activities for various packages are underway. The time frame for start of production would be firmed up after completion of the tendering process.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.